

SCANLAN IN A MOOD

A Chat With the Unfortunate Actor at Bloomingdale.

HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

He Says Bloomingdale is a Lovely Spot in Which to Recuperate, and He Considers Dr. Atwood a Gentleman.

Of all the garden spots in or about New York there are none more alluring than the park surrounding the Bloomingdale asylum for the insane. It is not, however, the beauty of the velvet lawns, the beds of brilliant blossoms, the magnificent trees with their wealth of foliage, nor even the stately building itself, as picturesque in its grimness as an old feudal castle, that attracts and holds the attention of the passers-by. They have eyes but for the unfortunate beings whose mental afflictions have made it necessary for them to be withdrawn from the excitement and frictions of the busy world, and to whom this charming site affords a restful and wholesome, if not always a welcome retreat.

They may be seen through the bars of the high iron fence which incloses the grounds sitting in groups under the shade of the wide-spreading boughs of the horse chestnut trees, some reading, but not always with an air of profound interest, others engaged with bits of needlework, to which they give indifferent attention, many with folded hands gazing vacantly at nothing in particular, while others wander along the winding paths, some listlessly, some with quickened nervous step, which



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clearly denotes a state of mental excitement. Athletic games engage the attention of the men, baseball, at present, being the favorite sport.

From time to time the ponderous iron gates swing back to permit a carriage to pass in or out with a number of patients as occupants, always accompanied by an attendant. Parties of pedestrians, also, frequently emerge and enter, an attendant in charge, but the portals are instantly closed again and securely locked, not alone to prevent the access of the irresponsible lunatics, but to guard against the intrusion of sensational newsmongers and the morbidly inquisitive, whose presence would be a personal annoyance to the patients, many of whom are persons of gentle birth and delicate breeding who, notwithstanding their unbalanced minds, are keenly sensitive to their misfortune and actively resent being regarded as objects of curiosity. For this reason only those who have business with the administrative authorities of the institution or are duly authorized to pay friendly visits to the patients are allowed to pass the porter's lodge.

The writer possesses the "open sesame" of a long acquaintance with "the powers that be," and was recently accorded the privilege of passing a day within the closely guarded precincts as a guest. It chanced, happily, to be the day for a match game of baseball between the Bloomingdales, under the captaincy of Dr. Atwood, the physician in charge of the male patients, and the Morningsides, led by Mr. Bradley, the supervisor of the male attendants. The teams are composed, mostly of patients, with a few attendants to keep the balance. The Bloomingdales were neatly



SCANLAN MAKES A BRILLIANT PLAY.

uniformed in dark gray suits with maroon hose, belts and cap trimmings. Their opponents have not, as yet, procured their uniforms. The game was played with skill quite worthy of the Polo grounds, and the spectators were a far more decorous crowd than the cranks who "root" for the New Yorks. They certainly did not betray the symptoms of chronic melancholia that frequently attack the emotional admirers of the giants—but then these teams played ball. Enthusiasm rose to a high pitch of excitement, however, when "Bitty" Scanlan, the short stop of the Bloomingdales, made a brilliant double play by catching a line fly and throwing a man out of third. The applause which greeted him must have been a pleasant reminder of happier days. The game was won by the Bloomingdales, the score being twelve to five.

Of course Scanlan felt quite jubilant, and the time seemed so propitious that an interview with the talented comedian was eagerly sought, on the ground that he belonged in a measure to an advertising public, but even the persuasions of friendship failed to weigh against established rules, and Mrs. Scanlan's consent had to be obtained to tip the balance favorably to the request. Then Mr. Scanlan was consulted and consented to receive the reporter and to chat a little of his past, present and future. He was becomingly attired in a snug costume, of which a handsome smoking jacket was a feature, and business and good taste marked the en-

semble. His face was somewhat pallid, his eyes were bright and intelligent, the silvery tones of his voice were there, but his articulation was very imperfect and his memory played truant not infrequently. A little impatient snapping of his fingers was the only evidence of the annoyance the halting enunciation and a suggestive word, now and then, from his visitor, helped him to resume the thread of the conversation. In response to the expressions of pleasure at finding him looking so well he said: "Yes, I am much better than I have been. My mind, you must know, has never been affected, but—the words escaped him: 'You were very tired,' hinted the reporter. 'Yes, yes, that was it—very, very tired. I had been working for a long time.'"

"This is a lovely spot in which to rest and recuperate," was ventured.

"It is a beautiful place and I am treated very well. Dr. Atwood is a considerate gentleman. My friends come often to see me, my wife and Gus, you know—Gus Pitou, my manager."

"You are warmly attached to Mr. Pitou?"

"Oh, yes, indeed; Pitou is a fine gentleman, a very capable manager, and he speaks English. We have been together nine years. He will always manage me."

Then he told of how he hoped soon to return to the stage. He should act again in "Mavourneen," a play he very much liked, but if he found another that pleased him he should take it, for it was very tiresome night after night to repeat the same lines. It required a great deal of vitality, even when inspired by the plaudits of a crowded house, to infuse the proper spirit and animation into them. He liked best plays which deal with events of the past century; they afford more scope for costuming. As for the characters he assumed, he had but to study Irish history and literature, and not to create, but to be the Irishman of story and song. Nothing more romantic and welcome could be imagined. The minutest was the most pleasing dance to him. Uproar and breakdowns were so fatiguing when one had to do them again and again, and they injured the voice. He had not written any songs recently, but they were all in his head, only he had not been well enough to jot them down. His publisher had reported the sale of his songs as still very good, notwithstanding he had not been singing them for many months. "Mollie O" was in great demand yet.

"How did he contrive to always have the same he threw fall to the prettiest lady in the audience?" It was a sort of inspiration. He sought to confide it to one who would preserve the flower and the song.

He evinced great interest in the play now being presented and laughed heartily when told how De Wolf Hopper had now to "chirp" to the babies in "Wang." Instead of singing and dancing with them. He said he was expecting to receive a visit from Hopper very soon.

A little review of recent scandals concerning theatrical people was indulged in, and he cordially endorsed the opinion that the general public was quite too quick to accept as true any evil reports of professionals. "I have been twenty-two years in the profession," he said, "and have seen more happily married couples there than in any other walk of life. I have been married for fifteen years myself and have been very happy."

Replying to the congratulations on his successful double play, he said, merrily: "You see, I am determined to be a star wherever I play."

He has planned a pleasant summer at Saratoga with friends, and in September he intends to start on the road with a repertoire of five plays. His manner throughout the interview was most courteous, and had it not been for the ominous hesitations in speech, the treacherous loss of memory and the imperfect articulation, it would not have been difficult to accept his hopes for the future as prophecies. His moods are not, however, always as gentle. He has some very disturbed moments, and it is lamentably evident that Scanlan, "the bonnie blue-eyed Irish boy," will never again be to the public, who has so heartily applauded him, more than a bright and happy memory.

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